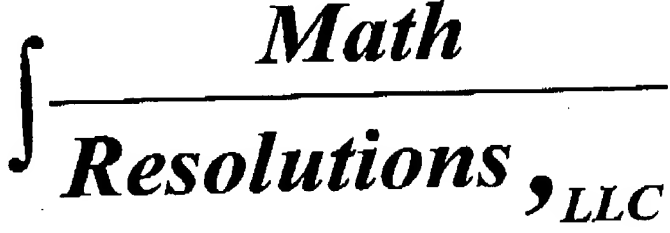


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Question about
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Notice of Allowability

I have a question concerning new claim 10. The words "using a pre-patient detector" has been added as we discussed. But then at the end of claim 10 you added the words "wherein said process is performed while treating the patient." It is my understanding the claim 10 is to replace claim 7.

The words "wherein said process is performed while treating the patient" is covered by dependent claim 9 and therefore appears to be redundant to be also in claim 10, assuming claim 9 now refers to claim 10. It does not matter to me as long as dependent claim 8 is still there as well: "The process of claim 10 performed without the patient present."

Sincerely yours,

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and now understand claim 7 remains
with added words, claim 8 and 9 remain,
and 10 added. I no longer have a
question.*